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CHEAP EXPRESS PARCEL SERVICE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started a Cheap Express Parcel Service in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to offer faster money transfer from abroad especially from Gulf Countries;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the number of persons likely to be benefited as a result thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) & (b)The Department of Posts has restructured and revised the rates of the Express Parcel Post Service with effect from 01.04.2008 keeping the market trends in mind. The revised rates are given in the Annexure.

(c) to (e)The Department of Posts in association with Emitates Post has launched 'Electronic International Money Orders' on 26.04.08 using the International Financial System of the Universal Postal Union. Initially, the service is being offered from United Arab Emirates to India through 97 Head Post Offices in Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata and the State of Kerala. This service aims to fulfill the long felt needs of the Indian Expatriate community for a cost effective money transfer facility.The service will benefit the entire expatriate community of Indians in United Arab Emirates.